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LETTER DATED 20 MAY 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CROATIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In accordance with instructions from my Government I have the honour to inform you that the Croatian Sabor adopted on 17 May 1996 a law that grants amnesty to all persons who committed crimes between 17 August 1990 and 1 June 1996 in the last remaining occupied part of Croatian territory, presently under the temporary administration of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium (UNTAES).

The "Act Applicable to the Perpetrators of Criminal Acts in the Area of Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium", excludes persons who are suspected of violations of international humanitarian law and the laws of war.

My Government hopes that this step will contribute positively to its policy, and the policy of the Council, peacefully to reintegrate Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium into Croatia.

May I ask for your kind assistance in distributing this letter as a document of the Security Council.

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